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§ 370.45 What limitation applies to the pursuit of legal remedies?

A designated agency may not bring any class action in carrying out its responsibilities under this part.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 732(d))

§ 370.46 What consultation requirement applies to a Governor of a State?

In designating a client assistance agency under § 370.2, redesignating a client assistance agency under § 370.10(a), and carrying out the other provisions of this part, the Governor shall consult with the director of the State vocational rehabilitation agency (or, in States with both a general agency and an agency for the blind, the directors of both agencies), the head of the developmental disability protection and advocacy agency, and representatives of professional and consumer organizations serving individuals with disabilities in the State.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 732(c)(2))

§ 370.47 When must grant funds be obligated?

(a) Any funds appropriated for a fiscal year to carry out the CAP that are not expended or obligated by the designated agency prior to the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year remain available for obligation by the designated agency during the succeeding fiscal year in accordance with 34 CFR 76.705 through 76.707.

(b) A designated agency shall inform the Secretary within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for which the CAP funds were made available whether the designated agency carried over to the succeeding fiscal year any CAP funds that it was unable to obligate by the end of the fiscal year.

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(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 718)

§ 370.48 What are the special requirements pertaining to the protection, use, and release of personal information?

(a) All personal information about individuals served by any designated agency under this part, including lists of names, addresses, photographs, and

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records of evaluation, must be held strictly confidential.

(b) The designated agency's use of information and records concerning individuals must be limited only to purposes directly connected with the CAP, including program evaluation activities. Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (e) of this section, this information may not be disclosed, directly or indirectly, other than in the administration of the CAP, unless the consent of the individual to whom the information applies, or his or her parent, legal guardian, or other legally authorized representative or advocate (including the individual's advocate from the designated agency), has been obtained in writing. A designated agency may not produce any report, evaluation, or study that reveals any personally identifying information without the written consent of the individual or his or her representative.

(c) Except as limited in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, the Secretary or other Federal or State officials responsible for enforcing legal requirements are to have complete access to all—

(1) Records of the designated agency that receives funds under this program; and

(2) All individual case records of clients served under this part without the consent of the client.

(d) For purposes of conducting any periodic audit, preparing or producing any report, or conducting any evaluation of the performance of the CAP established or assisted under this part, the Secretary does not require the designated agency to disclose the identity of, or any other personally identifiable information related to, any individual requesting assistance under the CAP.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (d) of this section and consistent with paragraph (f) of this section, a designated agency shall disclose to the Secretary, if the Secretary so requests, the identity of, or any other personally identifiable information (i.e., name, address, telephone number, social security number, or any other official code or number by which an individual may be readily identified) related to, any individual requesting assistance under the CAP if—

(1) An audit, evaluation, monitoring review, State plan assurance review, or other investigation produces reliable evidence that there is probable cause to believe that the designated agency has violated its legislative mandate or misused Federal funds; or

(2) The Secretary determines that this information may reasonably lead to further evidence that is directly related to alleged misconduct of the designated agency.

(f) In addition to the protection afforded by paragraph (d) of this section, the right of a person or designated agency not to produce documents or disclose information to the Secretary is governed by the common law of privileges, as interpreted by the courts of the United States.

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 711(c) and 732(g)(6))

PART 371—VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE PROJECTS FOR AMERICAN INDIANS WITH DISABILITIES

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Subpart A—General

§ 371.1 What is the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program for American Indians with Disabilities?

This program is designed to provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on Federal or State reservations, consistent with their individual strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

(Authority: Secs. 100(a)(2) and 130(a) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 720(a)(2) and 750(a))

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§ 371.2 Who is eligible for assistance under this program?

Applications may be made only by the governing bodies of Indian tribes and consortia of those governing bodies located on Federal and State reservations.

(Authority: Sec. 130(a) of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 750(a))

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§ 371.3 What regulations apply to this program?

The following regulations apply to this program—

(a) 34 CFR part 369;

(b) The regulations in this part 371.

(Authority: Sec. 130 of the Act; 29 U.S.C. 750)

§ 371.4 What definitions apply to this program?

(a) The definitions in 34 CFR part 369 apply to this program;